

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. By means of the present amendment, claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice and its features included in independent claims 1-2, 6 and 13. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 remain in this application, where claims 1-2, 6 and 13 are independent.

By means of the present Amendment, claims 3, 5-7, 9 and 11 have been amended for better clarity.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-2 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. In response, claims 1-2 and 13 have been amended to remove the alleged informalities noted in the Final Office Action, as well as other informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-2 and 13 has been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 10 contains patentable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1-2, 6 and 13 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1-2, 6 and 13 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3-5, 7-9 and 11-12 should also be allowed at least based on its dependence from independent claims 2 and 6.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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